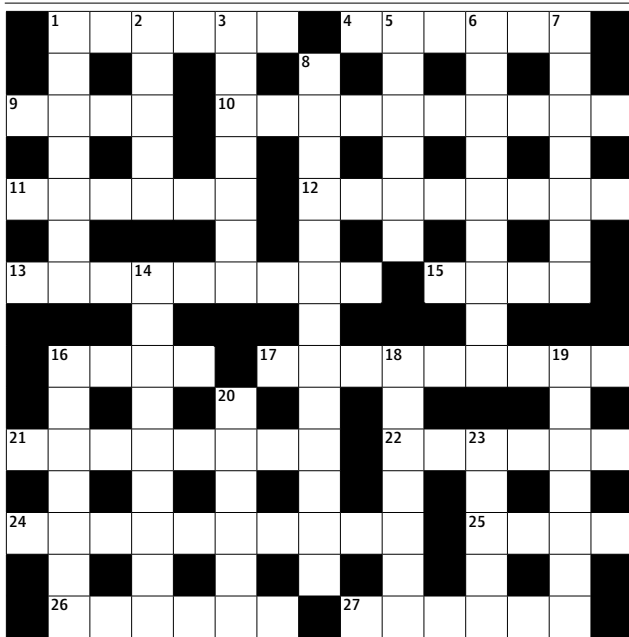


Guardian cryptic crossword



No 25,187 set by Gordius

Across

- 1 Church about to depend on something it hates? (6)
- 4 Student gets very bad but it's not an offence (6)
- 9 Detected noise of cattle (4)
- 10 Artist, one without time for such as Thatcher (10)
- 11 Goblin from Sweden takes a walk (6)
- 12 Revolutionary "Which" survey of sound roofing services? (3,5)
- 13 Barbecue horse (not English) badly ... (9)
- 15 ... so in enthusiasm (4)
- 16 Ship made a right turn (4)
- 17 Human as 1 across, 20 without remorse (9)
- 21 Fellow stood shaking inside to see a big old beast (8)
- 22 Soldiers turn to play over a ball (6)
- 24 Transition finds state amiss for 1 across (10)
- 25 Rules with a number that might need cutting (4)
- 26 Last quarter under 1 across (6)
- 27 Start off to destroy wild seafood (6)

Down

- 1 Beast sounds like Mad-off (7)
- 2 Facility to love with a car (5)
- 3 King without 11, who takes a chance (7)
- 5 Smart but for all in bad taste (6)
- 6 Bruce's namesake's got one a plant (9)
- 7 Their voices might thing a thong (7)
- 8 On reflection it could be amblyopia (4,9)
- 14 Off side, though not in France (5,4)
- 16 Ace held made trick in Oxford, say (7)
- 18 To compensate for one short day is to take heart from another (7)
- 19 Authorise soldiers to turn over a prisoner (7)
- 20 Journalist tried nothing new (6)
- 23 It has a little bill in a window letter (5)

Solution No. 25,186

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